

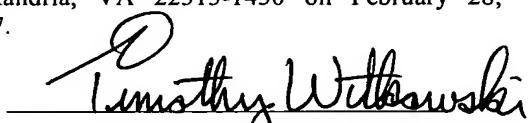
**Remarks**

Claims 1 to 28 were pending. By this Amendment claims 1 to 7 were amended and claims 9 to 28 were cancelled. No new matter is presented by the amendments and entry is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 1 to 8, as amended, are now pending and before the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are allowable and therefore solicit a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney below.

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